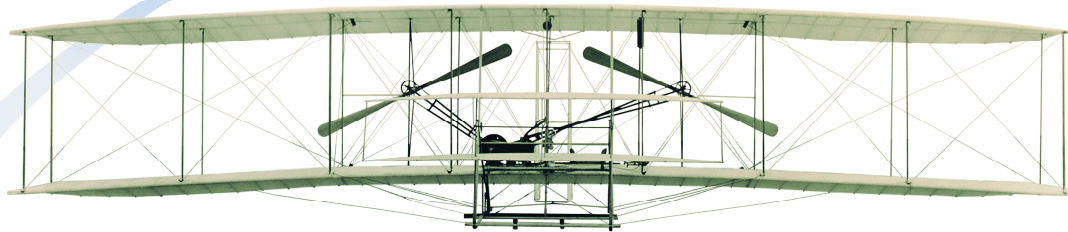


CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT



December 17, 1903:
Wright Brothers' First Flight
Orville Wright flies the first powered, heavier-than-air machine for 12 seconds and a distance of 120 feet, in Kitty Hawk, N.C. The airplane flew three more times that day.



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November 2, 2000: First International Space Station becomes Operational
U.S. Commander Bill Shepherd, Soyuz Commander Yuri Gidzenko and Flight Engineer Sergei Krikalev board the single largest international aerospace project ever undertaken by humankind. The event marked a new era in space flight.



July 25, 1909:
Blériot Crosses English Channel
Frenchman Louis Blériot flies his monoplane across the English Channel in what was considered a feat of great daring. The 22-mile journey from LeBurgues, France to Dover, England took 40 minutes.



March 16, 1926:
Goddard Rocket Takes Flight
Robert H. Goddard launches the first liquid-propellant rocket at Auburn, Mass. The flight reached an altitude of 12 meters, covered a horizontal distance of 56 meters and lasted 25 seconds.



May 20-21, 1927:
Lindbergh Crosses Atlantic
Charles A. Lindbergh completes the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight in history. His plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, traveled for 3,610 miles from Long Island, N.Y. to Paris, France in 33 hours and 30 minutes.



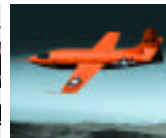
May 20, 1932: Amelia Earhart Crosses Atlantic
Five years after Lindbergh's historic flight across the Atlantic, Amelia Earhart flies her bright red Lockheed Vega solo across the Atlantic, becoming the first woman to do so.



May 6, 1941:
First Practical Helicopter Takes Flight
Russian-born Igor Sikorsky successfully flies the HO4S-300 helicopter. The flight lasted 1 hour, 32 minutes and 26 seconds, shattering all records for helicopter speed, altitude, distance and endurance.



March 7, 1942:
Tuskegee Airmen Earn Their Wings
Genuine pioneers in every sense, the Tuskegee Airmen never knew kinder days. The accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen led to the eventual desegregation of the Armed Forces.



October 4, 1947:
Yeager Breaks Sound Barrier
Captain Charles "Chuck" Yeager, USAF, breaks the sound barrier in the Bell X-1. He reached Mach 1.06, 700 miles per hour, at an altitude of 43,000 feet.



April 12, 1961: First Human Orbits Earth
Yuri Gagarin enters space aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft. It took him to an altitude of 200 miles and carried him once around the Earth.



July 20, 1969:
First Human Walks on Moon
Neil Armstrong steps off the Lunar Module "Eagle" onto the surface of the Moon.

Key Centennial Events

- December 17, 2002
U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission National Kick-off
Washington, DC
- May 1, 2003
Space Day National Event
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum - Washington, DC
- May 10-11, 2003
Air Power 2003
Wright-Patterson AFB Open House - Dayton, OH
- May 16-24, 2003
Festival of Flight 2003
Fayetteville, NC
- June 4-9, 2003
The Gathering of Eagles
Maxwell AFB, AL
- June 16-22, 2003
45th Paris Air Show
Le Bourget, France
- July 2-8, 2003
Inventing Flight's Centennial Celebration
Dayton, OH
- July 14-17, 2003
AIAA/ICAS International Air and Space Symposium & Exposition
The Next 100 Years
Dayton Convention Center - Dayton, OH
- July 28-August 17, 2003
GE Presents Centennial of Flight at Rockefeller Center
New York City, NY
- July 29-August 4, 2003
EAA's AirVenture
Oshkosh, WI
- September 6, 2003
Wolf Trap presents Face of America, a Celebration of Flight
Vienna, VA
- September 8-24, 2003
National Air Tour 2003
- December 13, 2003
International Network Television Special
"Born of Dreams - Inspired by Freedom"
- December 15, 2003
Grand Opening
The National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
Washington Dulles International Airport
- December 12-17, 2003
First Flight Centennial Celebration
Wright Brothers National Memorial - Kill Devil Hills, NC
- Long-term Events
 - Year-long: AIAA's 1903 Wright Flyer Centennial Tour and Exposition
 - Year-long: "EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk" presented by Ford Motor Company
 - October 2001: Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Exhibition "The Wright Brothers & the Invention of the Aerial Age"
 - March-December 2003: First Flight Centennial Pavilion, Wright Brothers National Memorial
 - *As of February 1, 2003

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